

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. And their subsequent decision to enfold it in a "news" story does not change that fact.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair has made public its plans to acquire many more TV stations, thus enabling the corporation to subject more of the public to one-sided polemic propaganda.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.